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▶ Team Canada goaltender Mark Visentin raises his arms after beating Team Finland 4-0 to win the bronze medal at the World Junior Hockey Championship in Calgary on Thursday. See story, page 21.

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Team Canada wins bronze

Surge of public tips aims to nab drunk drivers

- Report Impaired Drivers campaign recently turned two years old
- Police make effort to track down all suspected motorists

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Drunks climbing behind the wheel need to fear more than just police it seems.

Since the Report Impaired Drivers campaign was launched in 2009, tips from the public to police about suspected impaired drivers have jumped more than 40 per cent.

"It lets that person see that there are in fact people out there watching them," said Denise Dubyk, national president for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, which helped steer the project with support from the city and police.

"The community is taking responsibility for stopping impaired driving."

Promotion for the campaign, which simply encourages fellow motorists to keep an eye on their surroundings and report drivers behaving erratically behind the wheel, could be further bolstered in the near future after a request by Mayor Naheed Nenshi in November led city administrators to suggest increasing signage and focusing more on non-traditional enforcement periods.

Dubyk also said motorists will continue to become more conscious of their surroundings once the province introduces strengthened penalties for impaired drivers later this year.

Calgary mother Julie Vincent certainly doesn't need any reminder on the importance of keeping police in the know.

Her family lost a close friend who was struck and killed by a drunk driver on his way home from a movie five years ago.

"He died in the arms of a stranger, and all he said was, 'Tell my parents it wasn't my fault. I was sober,'" Vincent said.

Const. Jim Lebedeff said motorists should inform police even if they aren't completely sure they are witnessing the actions of an impaired driver.

Vincent agrees.

"The annoyance of being pulled over by accident when you're not drunk is nothing compared to a phone call at 10 p.m. telling someone your son is dead," she said.

Increase in calls

▶ Officially, 5,858 public tips involving potentially impaired drivers were registered by 911 communications workers in 2011. That's up from 3,377 call-ins in 2009 and a drastic improvement on the fewer than 2,000 tips received in years prior to 2005.

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Could be more victims: Cops

Foster home resident, 13, appears in court after being accused of harming three younger children

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Police are exploring whether other Calgary foster children may have been subjected to sexual abuse following what are described as "horrifying" allegations against a 13-year-old.

Officers were called to a southwest foster home around 9:40 p.m. Tuesday by a witness with "direct knowledge" of a disturbing act taking place inside, said Det. Stephen Johnston.

Late Wednesday, police announced a 13-year-old boy living in the home had been charged with sexually assaulting and sexual interference against three other kids in the home ages six and under.

The alleged crimes were each committed separately but all took place on Tuesday, police believe.

Johnston said his child-abuse unit is often faced with difficult calls, but "This one, I daresay, is more shocking than most."

Investigators have also learned other foster children previously lived in the home with the accused, who is being held in the Calgary Young Offenders Centre but cannot be named under provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Brief appearance

- The accused 13-year-old made a brief appearance in a Calgary court Thursday. Crown prosecutors were granted an adjournment to allow time to obtain more information from police.
- According to the human-services ministry, there are about 2,400 foster homes licensed in Alberta providing care to roughly 4,500 children.

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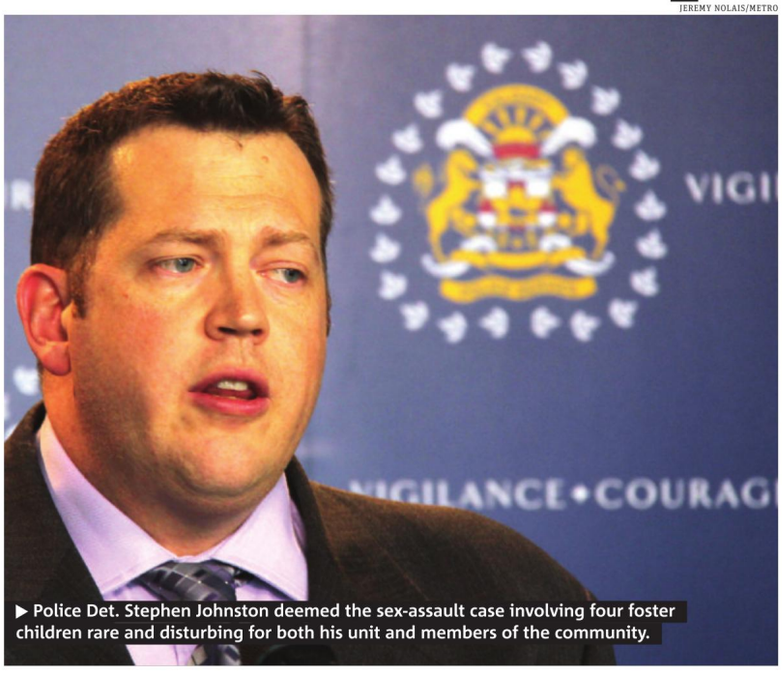

▶ Police Det. Stephen Johnston deemed the sex-assault case involving four foster children rare and disturbing for both his unit and members of the community.

"We are looking into the possibility now that this was not the first incident that occurred," Johnston said.

The Alberta government's human services ministry oversees the operations of foster homes in the province.

Spokesperson Roxanne Dube-Coelho said a review into an alleged incident of this nature would be typical but could not speak further to whether concerns had been raised about the residence previously.

"I can tell you the younger children have been removed from the home," she said. "They are in a safe placement."

Reserve votes in favour of gang-eviction bylaw

A crime-troubled First Nation south of Edmonton has voted to give community leaders the power to evict suspected gang members.

When ballots were counted Wednesday night, the result was 479 in favour and 369 against the proposed bylaw, which must still be ratified by the Department of Indian Affairs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

14K The approximate number of residents on Hobbema's four First Nations reserves. More than half are under 18.

News in brief

Cops probe shots

CALGARY. Police are investigating after a shot was fired into a northwest residence Wednesday. Police say they do not know if the residence was targeted or why the bullet was fired. METRO

Ashes may have sparked fire

NEAR FORT MACLEOD. Early findings suggest the improper disposal of ashes from a wood-burning stove may have sparked a large grass fire in southern Alberta Wednesday that prompted an evacuation alert. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Toddler battling tumour gets wish

- Ryan, 3, and his brother Matthew, 6, were surprised by the trip to Disney World on Thursday
- Canmore family will spend seven days at the resort

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Ryan Carrington entered the Calgary airport pulling his orange and blue toque over his sleepy face, but after learning he was headed to Disney World, the young boy was all smiles.

The three-year-old was diagnosed with a brainstem tumour in the spring of 2010.

Days before Christmas, an MRI revealed the tumour is growing and there are no viable treatment options left.

"We'd been planning to make a trip happen actually this coming February," said Megan Innes, fundraising co-ordinator for the Children's Wish Foundation.

"We knew that February was going to be a little bit too late, so we rushed to put the wish ahead now."

Ryan and his six-year-old brother Matthew thought they were heading to a museum but were instead greeted with plane tickets and a canvas bag filled with Disney toys.

Clutching a Mickey Mouse stuffed animal, Ryan's shy demeanour was quickly replaced with a great big smile.

Mom Amanda Carrington said just last week, Ryan asked if he could meet the Disney icon one day.

"I just can't wait to see their faces when we get there and just their reactions to everything. That's enough for me."
AMANDA CARRINGTON, MOM

"It's just an amazing opportunity — quality time together and just forget about everything else that's going on, just for a few days. We're just going to make lots and lots of memories," she said.

KATIE TURNER/METRO

▶ Amanda Carrington holds her son Ryan Carrington, 3, at the Calgary airport Thursday. The Carrington family was given a trip to Disney World by the Children's Wish Foundation.

Children's Wish

- The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada has granted nearly 18,000 wishes in the last 27 years.
- In Alberta and the Northwest Territories, about 120 wishes are granted annually.
- Ryan's wish was put together in less than two days but Megan Innes said they are able to put together plans in 24 hours.

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Emergency services battle for blood

Calgary and Edmonton's emergency services are facing off this month for the Sirens for Life blood donor challenge.

The goal of the challenge is to collect more than 6,000 blood donations by the end of the January, and the city that brings in the most blood donations will win.

Last year, Edmonton won the challenge by less than a 2.5 per cent margin, and this year Calgary's emergency services said they are hoping to reclaim the title.

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Ridings probed over illegal contributions

Ten of the 83 Progressive Conservative riding associations in Alberta are being investigated for accepting illegal campaign contributions.

The province's chief electoral officer, Brian Fjeldheim, is trying to get to the bottom of allegations that the associations took money from organizations such as municipalities.

Publicly funded organizations are banned from funding partisan politics and politicians can't solicit or accept such donations. Party president Bill Smith, in a letter to all constituency associations, urged them to co-operate fully with the investigation.

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Fluoride debate tapped

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▶ Council voted in favour of discontinuing fluoride in February 2011. Since then, council has yet to allocate funding to fluoride-related programs, as was decided previously.

Former alderman pushes for action
Council axed fluoride last February

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Calgary's fluoride debate hasn't been fully flushed despite a decision nearly a year ago to stop adding the substance to city water.

It was decided the projected savings from not adding the fluoride, totaling $750,000 annually, would be put towards oral health programs for low-income Calgarians.

However, former alderman and anti-poverty advocate Joe Ceci is questioning when and if that promise will be kept.

"I'm not trying to reopen the fluoridation debate," said Ceci. "In a sense, I'm trying to hold council's feet to the fire around a promise they made. The kids that need that kind of fluoride aren't getting any younger."

Ald. Gael MacLeod said council is divided on how or if they should utilize this money to fund a health-related program.

"It's so far beyond the city's mandate that we should be asked to do this," she said. "It's a provincial responsibility and in my opinion, the province has completely abdicated their role."

MacLeod said a report is expected to come before council in the coming months. "In the end, the problem is there are still kids out there that aren't getting fluoride."

Water wrangle

- Council voted to stop fluoridating the water in a 10-3 vote.

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Denis on board with distracted-driving tix

Alberta's solicitor general has no problem with police enforcement of new distracted-driving legislation to date, despite criticism from motorists claiming rules on the road are inconsistent.

Drivers can now be slapped with a $172 fine for using a hand-held device or performing other dangerous activities behind the wheel.

Police have said that no more than 2,000 tickets were doled out provincewide in the first three months after the law came into effect in September.

"That's quite a lot of tickets," said Jonathan Denis. "I don't want Alberta to become a police state. The reality is I expect people to obey the law and we don't want a cop on every corner acting as Big Brother looking over our shoulders."

Calgary police have indicated they could ramp up enforcement blitzes next month to hammer the provisions of the law into motorists' heads.

METRO FILE

▶ Jonathan Denis

A sergeant with the Edmonton Police Service, which has handed out fewer than half as many tickets as officers in Calgary, also admitted Thursday that his force hasn't been giving the distracted-driving law "the attention it deserves."

JEREMY NOLAIS

COLUMNIST KNOWS BEST

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New Year's resolutions can be great ways of getting your life back on track, whether you make them in time to ring in the new year or let them percolate a while longer.

Since I rarely have success with my own resolutions, I'll do what columnists do best: I'll offer unsolicited advice on how others should shape their 2012.

The Calgary Parking Authority: Be better; be nicer. Is there a less-friendly collective in Calgary? I'm frustrated that we as Calgarians are forced to deal with their comically high prices and depressingly rude employees. We aren't using their spaces because we approve of their business practices, but rather because there are few viable alternatives. Until there are, the Calgary Parking Authority needs to appreciate that they've got a pretty easy ride and stop taking us for one.

"Ever since November's random occurrence, we've been inundated with pointless wind warnings. Maybe it's because I'm bald, but a wind warning doesn't really affect the rest of my day."

Inglewood: Stay open longer. The charm of one of Calgary's oldest neighbourhoods is undeniable. I just wish I could visit it more. It seems like whenever I do, it's closed for business. While I wish I had the appetite to eat supper at 3 p.m., or the ability to shop for clothes after lunch, having a full-time job often impedes these practices. Inglewood should take a chance and extend its hours.

Wind warnings: Less is more. Once, once we had a windstorm that caused extensive damage. Of course, ever since November's random occurrence, we've been inundated with pointless wind warnings. Maybe it's because I'm bald, but a wind warning doesn't really affect the rest of my day. The constant warnings will soon lose their meaning because, if anything, they cause more concern than the wind itself.

Naheed Nenshi: Sleep. I've never been a mayor before — I did once run for student council and placed a solid fourth —but if I was, I'm sure I'd want to be everywhere, too. However, more than 14 months into your term your approval ratings continue to climb. We get it: You're well-liked. You're popular. Now go to sleep. You must be exhausted. I'd hate for people to start thinking that your exhaustion might affect how well you do your job. After all, there are only 24 hours in a day but there are countless critics who are always waiting for you to screw up.

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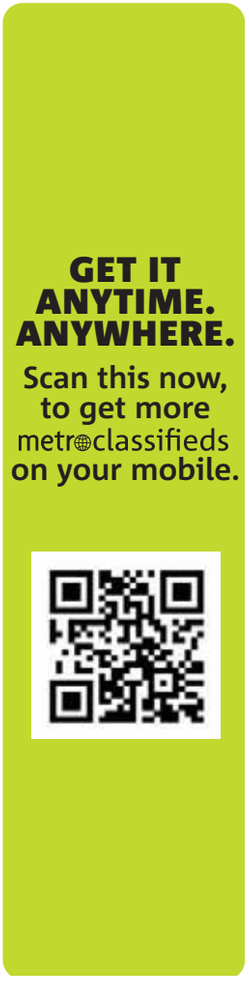

Toronto-area family killed in Jamaica collision

A GTA family, who were reportedly rushing their toddler to the hospital, were among four people killed in a collision in Jamaica.

A spokesman for Foreign Affairs confirms that Garieno Dixon, 27, mother Diane, 32, and their two-year-old Ronaldinho Dixon, died following the accident.

The child's 45-year-old grandmother, Marie Myrie-Smith of Jamaica, was also killed.

The Jamaica Gleaner says the family awoke Wednesday morning to find the child not breathing and rushed him to hospital.

Less than five minutes from Myrie-Smith's home, all four were killed when their car collided head-on with a truck while trying to overtake a line of traffic.

Myrie-Smith's husband, Gerald, 42, realized they had left their cellphones and took a taxi to meet them at the hospital, but was stopped at the accident site.

The Gleaner says Smith got out of the taxi and walked up to the car, and realized that it was the one transporting his wife and family members.

The newspaper also says Myrie-Smith leaves behind two children, an 11-year-old and a five-year old. Diane Dixon was also reportedly the mother of a five-year-old, who was with the family in Jamaica, as well as a teenager.

A spokesman for Minister of State of Foreign Affairs Diane Ablonczy confirmed the deaths.

The family was booked to return to Canada on Jan. 15.

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First Nation seeks aid

Ottawa says Attawapiskat bills will be paid as soon as band co-operates

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▶ In this file photo, a tattered Canadian flag flies over a teepee in Attawapiskat, Ont.

First Nations in the James Bay region of Northern Ontario say their housing crisis is deepening despite the federal government's recent response to Attawapiskat.

In a statement issued Thursday, the troubled Attawapiskat First Nation said it won't be able to make its January payroll unless the federal government shows more flexibility.

Many families are still living in tents and substandard shelters there. And now essential services such as education are at risk because the $1.5 million earmarked for them has been placed in the hands of a government-appointed third party, according to a statement from the regional Mushkegowuk Council.

Neighbouring Cree communities along James Bay are crying out for emergency help as well.

"With temperatures now in the -30s and 40s, the chiefs are now calling on the federal and provincial governments to take immediate action on the housing crisis in Fort Albany and Kashechewan as well," the statement said.

The federal government contests almost every point in the council's statement.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan said the third-party manager appointed by Ottawa to run Attawapiskat's finances will make sure all essential services are running smoothly and the bills are paid — as soon as the band starts co-operating with him and giving him the information he needs.

"As was addressed in a letter on January 4, 2012 to Chief (Theresa) Spence, the third-party manager is ready to issue payroll cheques for essential services, such as teachers, and will do so as soon as he is provided with the necessary information from the chief and council," Duncan said in an emailed statement.

He said families no longer need to live in tents because the local healing lodge has been renovated. It now has running water, bathrooms and heat, and is ready to accept families who feel they need better shelter.

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Mubarak should be hanged: Prosecutors

Ousted Egyptian leader authorized use of live ammunition to kill protesters, lawyers charge Victims' families to testify on Monday

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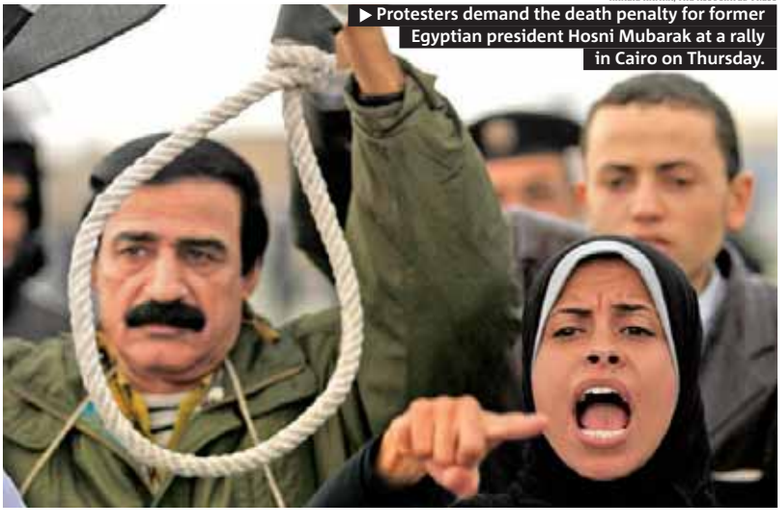

Protesters demand the death penalty for former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak at a rally in Cairo on Thursday.

Hosni Mubarak deserves to be hanged, prosecutors said Thursday, charging that the former Egyptian president bears full responsibility for the killing of some 800 protesters during last year's uprising against his rule.

At Mubarak's trial in Cairo, prosecutor Mustafa Khater demanded the death penalty for Mubarak, former interior minister Habib el-Adly and four of his police commanders.

"Retribution is the solution. Any fair judge must issue a death sentence for these defendants," Khater said.

Drawing on months of witness testimony, the five prosecutors laid out their case this week, arguing that Mubarak and el-Adly — who was in charge of the police — ordered security forces to use deadly force against protesters.

Still, some observers were skeptical that a death sentence would ever be carried out, if Mubarak is convicted. A conviction would be followed by an appeals process that the ailing 83-year-old's lawyer would likely draw out, and Egypt's military rulers have the power to veto a death sentence.

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Reform not a sure thing: Suu Kyi

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Aung San Suu Kyi

Democratic reforms begun by Myanmar's nominally civilian government are not "unstoppable" and will succeed only if the powerful military accepts the changes, opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi warned on Thursday.

But she added she is cautiously optimistic more progress can be made.

"I wouldn't say that there are many dangers, but I wouldn't say that it is unstoppable, either," she said.

"I am concerned about how much support there is in the military for changes. In the end, that's the most important factor, how far the military are prepared to co-operate with reform principles."

Suu Kyi spoke as she and her National League for Democracy moved closer to full participation in mainstream electoral politics. The government approved the party's registration Thursday, and the NLD can now pick candidates to run in byelections on April 1.

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Political prisoners are assembled for a photo by Syria's official news agency, SANA, before their release in Damascus on Thursday.

Syria frees more prisoners

Syria has released 552 political prisoners, state TV reported Thursday, in what appeared to be another gesture to comply with the Arab League plan to end the regime's nine-month-old crackdown on dissent.

Arab League chief Nabil Elaraby said the regime has freed about 3,500 detainees in recent weeks. But activists said Syria is still holding at least 25,000 political prisoners, and they accused the regime of torturing hundreds of people to death in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VILLAGE WARNED OF DANGER

At least 25 dead in Philippines landslide

A landslide tore through a tiny gold-mining village in the southern Philippines on Thursday, killing 25 people and burying more than 100 more, months after the government warned residents the mountain was certain to crumble.

The mountainside in Napnapan village in Pantukan township collapsed at about 3 a.m., sweeping away about 50 houses, shanties and other buildings, officials said. A fissure in the mountain discovered last year was made worse by heavy rains and continuous mining in the saturated ground.

Thousands of impoverished Filipinos dig and pan for gold in the area, despite the dangers of largely unregulated mining. The tunnels are often unstable and landslides and accidents are common.

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▶ This is the pellet gun the victim was holding when he was shot.

Spotlight on police

911 tape reveals tense moments at Texas school where teen was shot

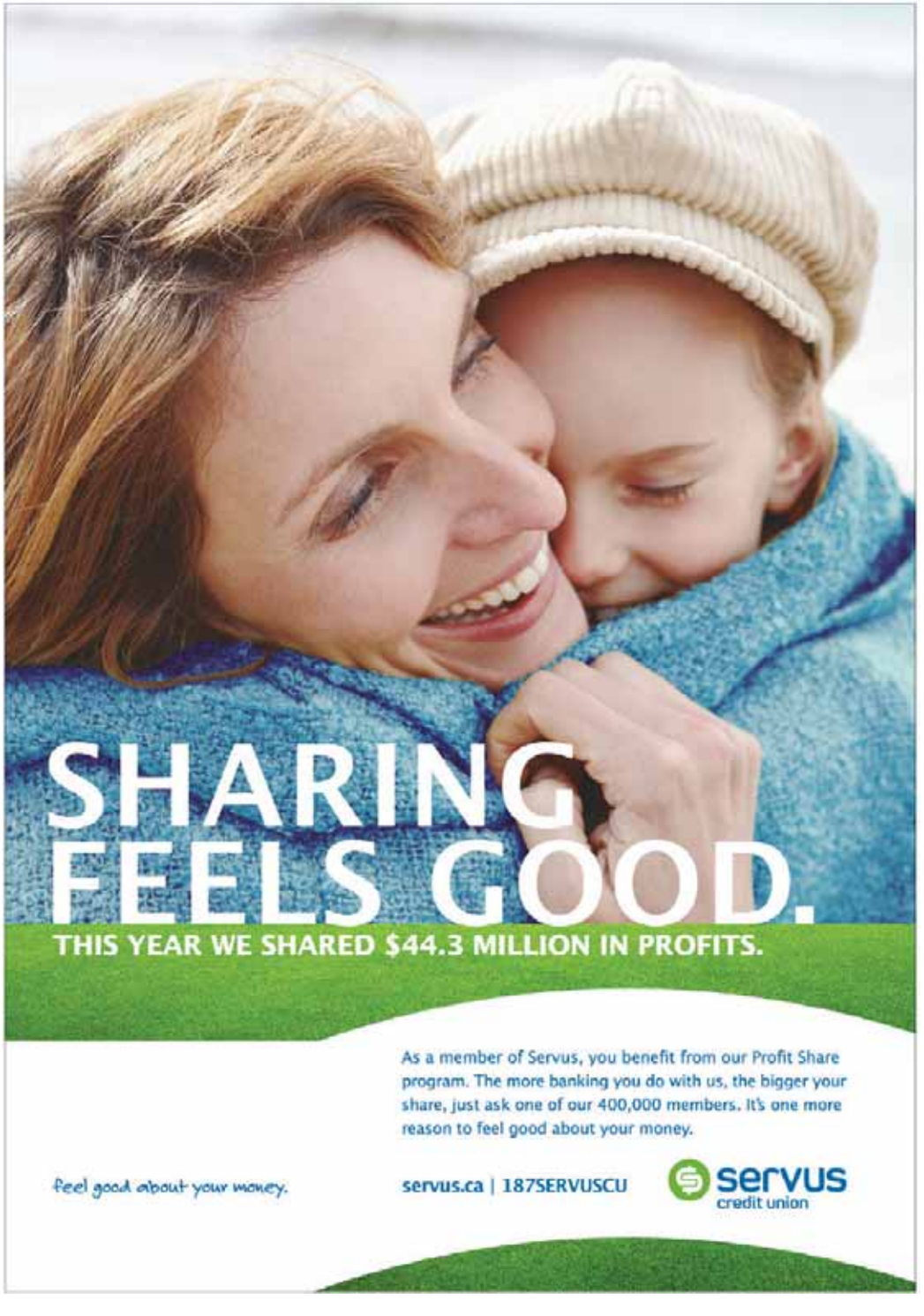
A 911 recording reveals the tense moments in a Texas middle school when police confronted an eighth-grader who was brandishing a realistic-looking pellet gun and repeatedly ordered him to put the weapon down.

Over and over, officers can be heard telling 15-year-old Jaime Gonzalez to put the weapon on the floor. When he refused, they fatally shot the boy Wednesday at Cummings Middle School in Brownsville.

A six-minute recording of the 911 call that summoned police was obtained Thursday by the Brownsville Herald.

An assistant principal made the call. As officers arrive, she says Gonzalez is drawing the weapon. A moment later, police yell that Gonzalez is running through the hall. Someone can be heard yelling that the student says he's willing to die. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Why was so much excess force used on a minor? Three shots. Why not one that would bring him down?"
JAIME GONZALEZ SR, FATHER OF BOY WHO WAS KILLED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▶ Solace Huxley Layton Campbell is seen shortly after being born in Toronto on Thursday.

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Layton's granddaughter

The Layton family has a new addition as of Thursday, as the late Jack Layton's daughter gave birth to a girl. Solace Huxley Layton Campbell was born at 2:15 a.m. Sarah Layton, the daughter of the former NDP leader who died in August, gave birth to the healthy baby girl, who weighed in at 9.4 pounds.

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Alleged arsonist 'not stable mentally'

According to medical records, Burkhart suffered from autistic spectrum disorder, depression since childhood

The man who allegedly ignited more than 50 fires that terrorized Los Angeles last week may suffer from a series of mental illnesses.

Burkhart was arrested Monday near the Sunset Strip in a van with Canadian licence plates loaded with fire-starting materials. He has stonewalled investigators while being placed on a suicide watch.

His mother, Dorothee Burkhart, appeared in federal court Tuesday after being arrested on a fraud warrant from Germany.

37 Burkhart was charged Wednesday with 37 counts of arson as part of a rash of fires that caused more than $3 million US in damage.

Their family history remains murky, but documents reveal both mother and son struggled with mental illness.

They had a vagabond lifestyle, with addresses at various times in Germany, the U.S. and Canada, and the son holds a German passport but authorities say he was born in Chechnya.

Medical records dated March 2010 say Harry Burkhart suffered from autistic spectrum disorder since his childhood, and he has severe anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and "is not stable mentally because of increase stress due to fear."

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Beating. The odds

▶ Hawking speaks at an international gathering of scientists on the origins of the universe at Beijing's Great Hall of the People in China in 2006.

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Scientist to celebrate 70th birthday

British astrophysicist Stephen Hawking was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease, or motor neuron disease, when he was a 21-year-old student at Cambridge University. Most people die within a few years of the disease being identified. On Sunday, Hawking turns 70.

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Music. Albums

▶ Adele at the MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles last August. Her album, 21, which sold 5.8 million copies, helped boost U.S. album sales, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

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Digital sales play catch-up

U.S. album sales rose more than three per cent last year for the first gain since 2004. Rising digital sales are now stemming the decline of CDs.

Early retirement? Better think again

Average worker wants to retire by 61, while 25- to 30-year-olds aim for age 59 Only about four out of 10 Canadians have a pension

Canadians appear to be on a collision course with harsh reality when it comes to their increasingly unrealistic expectations for retiring early and comfortably.

With the underfunding in pension plans and rising household debt, a new TD Bank survey suggests Canadians haven't adjusted their retirement notions.

"Early retirement is only achievable if you take steps needed to get there," said Cynthia Caskey of TD Waterhouse.

The online survey of 1,006 shows six in 10 Canadians have less than $100,000 in household assets, not counting any home equity, while 16 per cent have no assets at all. It also found that 44 per cent of respondents believe they will have debt when they retire, and 13 per cent said their debt will be significant.

That coincides with the latest Statistics Canada data showing household debt has reached a record 153 per cent of disposable income, although 70 per cent of that is in mortgages.

"For some Canadians, it's not going to be about choice, they will have to work past age 65 paying off debt or working longer hours to afford their retirement," said Caskey.

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Euro decline dampens spirits on debt crisis

The spectre of Europe's debt crisis returned Thursday after a brief respite, as bank stocks fell sharply on worries about losses on government debt and a French bond auction drew lacklustre demand from investors.

Financial stocks slumped as it became clear banks would have trouble raising billions in new capital in coming months. In Italy, trading in UniCredit shares was halted after they lost a quarter of their value since Wednesday, when the bank announced it had to offer huge discounts to investors to attract new capital.

The banks need the money to cover potential losses on government debt, whose value has plummeted across most of Europe in recent months on fear of defaults. Many countries in the region have to roll over billions in debt, putting huge focus on their bond auctions. The bad news helped weaken sentiment in markets, pushing the euro to $1.2798, a 15-month low against the dollar.

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Obama shares vision of 'leaner' U.S. military

Looking beyond the wars he inherited, President Barack Obama on Thursday launched a reshaping and shrinking of the military. He vowed to preserve U.S. pre-eminence even as the Army and Marine Corps shed troops and the administration considers reducing its nuclear weapons.

The changes won't come without risk, Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said. But he called it acceptable and inevitable.

Obama said the U.S. is "turning a page" after having killed Osama bin Laden, withdrawn troops from Iraq and begun to wind down the war in Afghanistan. He outlined a vision for the future that some Republican lawmakers quickly dubbed wrong-headed.

Obama unveiled the defence strategy review that is intended to guide decisions on cutting hundreds of billions from planned Pentagon spending. "Our military will be leaner, but the world must know the United States is going to maintain our military superiority," he said.

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▶ U.S. President Barack Obama and Defence Secretary Leon Panetta share a laugh after the president spoke on the Defence Strategic Review Thursday at the Pentagon.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Unscathed airlines gear up for 2012

Canada's largest airlines ended 2011 seemingly untouched by global economic concerns as they brace for a slow domestic economy recovery and higher fuel prices this year. WestJet and regional carrier Porter Airlines reported record load factors in December while Air Canada, the country's largest carrier, saw its passenger traffic grow slightly from a year ago. International cargo traffic is down as a result of Europe's debt crisis.

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British Columbians not so against oil pipeline: Poll

Critics, ForestEthics, call poll 'bogus', citing another survey that found half of Canadians oppose project

Nearly half of British Columbians support Enbridge Inc.'s proposed Northern Gateway project, which would pass through the province, according to an Ipsos Reid poll conducted on behalf of the pipeline company.

The survey, released Thursday, suggests 48 per cent of B.C. residents back the controversial $5.5-billion project — 14 per cent of those strongly. On the flip side, 32 per cent oppose it — 13 per cent strongly. About 20 per cent of respondents said they were "undecided."

The project would carry some 525,000 barrels per day of Alberta crude to the West Coast for export to Asian countries.

Regulatory hearings into the project begin next week in Kitimat, B.C. The process is expected to take about two years, with more than 4,000 people set to speak.

There has been vocal opposition from First Nations, environmental and other groups. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Monitoring plan

Alberta and the federal government are aiming to reveal the first phase of an oilsands environmental monitoring plan by the end of the month.

- **Revamped monitoring** comes in response to six reports in 2010 and 2011 that all pointed to problems in how Alberta tracks the environmental impact of the huge and rapidly growing industry.
- **Although decades worth** of data in the area have been collected, reviewers concluded the information didn't give a clear picture of what tens of billions of dollars in development have done to the Athabasca River and its watershed.
- **Last July,** the federal and provincial environment ministers announced reforms to monitoring and promised to work together.

Canadians feeling down about their finances

More Canadians are worried about the economy and how they'll fare in the midst of what many consider a mild recession, according to a survey released Thursday by the Economic Club of Canada.

Many respondents were concerned about how the weaker economy will impact their personal finances. About 47 per cent said they believe income will fall below the cost of living.

The poll, conducted in December, found that only 25 per cent of respondents said they felt optimistic about the economic prospects in the coming year. That's down from a year earlier when 36 per cent of respondents said they were optimistic.

"This is the most pessimism we've seen, except for briefly in 2008, since 1996," said Michael Marzolini, chairman of Pollara Strategic Insights, which conducted the survey. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Prepare for higher prices at the pump this spring

Montrealers awoke Thursday morning to a nasty surprise at the gasoline pump, with the price of a litre of gas rising an average of nine cents.

Price-tracking website Gasbuddy.com says the average pump price rose from just under $1.28 per litre on Wednesday to nearly $1.37 on Thursday. The national average only rose by about one cent to $1.20 per litre.

En-Pro International consultant Roger McKnight said a price increase in Montreal that would have taken place over two days was lumped into one day. McKnight also sees higher gas prices ahead this spring as ongoing political tensions in the Middle East and refinery closures south of the border and in Europe put upward pressure on crude oil prices. THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.S. benefit applications down, hiring to pick up?

The number of people seeking unemployment benefits in the United States fell further last week, ending the year on a three-month run of declines that point to stronger hiring in 2012.

Weekly applications dropped by 15,000 to a seasonally adjusted 372,000 last week, the U.S. Labor Department said. That's 11 per cent lower than the same time last year and a positive sign ahead of Friday's important read on December job growth.

The four-week average, which smooths fluctuations, fell to 373,250 — the lowest level since June 2008. Hiring strengthened at the end of last year and economists expect it will pick up even further this year.

On Friday, the Labor Department reports on hiring in December. Economists predict that employers have added 150,000 net jobs, which would be an improvement from November's gain of 120,000.

Even so, economists worry that growth could slow in the first half of 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Job status

- When benefit applications drop below 375,000 consistently, it signals that hiring is strong enough to reduce the unemployment rate.
- Economists project that the U.S. economy will generate and average of 175,000 jobs per month this year — a step up from the average monthly gains of 130,00 last year.
- The unemployment rate fell to 8.6 per cent from 9 per cent in November.

▶ Unemployment-benefit applications in the U.S. dropped further to a seasonally adjusted 372,00 last week, which could mean a boost in hiring for 2012, according to the Labor Department.

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THE METRO LIST

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1 **Kate turns big 3-0:** Her name is already forecast to be the most-used word in social media this year, and watch how much attention Kate gets on Monday (Jan. 9) when the duchess turns 30. What would be the icing on the cake? When Will and Kate announce they're having a baby. Twitter would completely melt.

2 **Rob Schneider:** His new comedy, Rob, airs next week (Jan. 12). It's about a newlywed dealing with his wife's close-knit Mexican-American family. TV critic Jace Lacob watched the pilot and live-tweeted his disdain for it. Sample tweet from @televisionary: "If Hell exists, it would be watching the Rob pilot over and over again for eternity. And I am only two minutes in ..." Must-watch.

3 **@RupertMurdoch:** Eighty-year-old media mogul Rupert Murdoch opened his (rather boring) Twitter account over the New Year's holiday and already has more than 100,000 followers. Murdoch, whose media empire, News Corp., has been under increased scrutiny due to phone hacking at his U.K. newspapers, had better hope his Twitter account never gets hacked.

4 **Team Canada:** Our juniors were getting smoked 6-1 in the semifinal by Russia at the Calgary Saddledome, and staged what was almost an epic comeback, scoring four goals in the third and hitting a post late before falling short 6-5. Even though they didn't make the final, they can hold their heads high after that valiant comeback. 2013 will be their golden year.

5 **Twins born a year apart:** In a story gone viral this week, a Minneapolis couple welcomed twins six hours apart, with a boy, Beckett, born 6:40 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2011, and a girl, Freya, Jan. 1, 2012, at 12:26 a.m. New Year's Day. This means a) separate birthdays for both; and b) whenever the siblings fight, Beckett can go "Yo, I'm a year older."

6 **Butt out:** A giant 12-foot acrylic cigarette butt was erected in Toronto Tuesday as the Canadian Cancer Society launched its seventh annual Driven to Quit Challenge. If you're thinking of quitting, try it. I've been clean of the cancer sticks for more than 10 years. All you need is 20 seconds of insane courage. And willpower.

7 **Steve Jobs action figure:** A Chinese toy company called InIcons is releasing a detailed 12-inch action figure of Jobs wearing his signature black turtleneck, rimless glasses and blue jeans. Due for U.S. release late February (if Apple gives permission), word is they're getting tons of advance orders. Accessories such as iPhone, iPad and iPod are not included!

8 **4,700 self-portraits:** For 14 years, Canadian photographer Jeff Harris has been doing an epic art project whereby he takes a self-portrait each day and then posts it on his website to take his readers along on his adventures. Think of it as his personal diary, but in photos. Check it out at jeffharris.org.

Follow Neil Morton on Twitter (@neilmorton).

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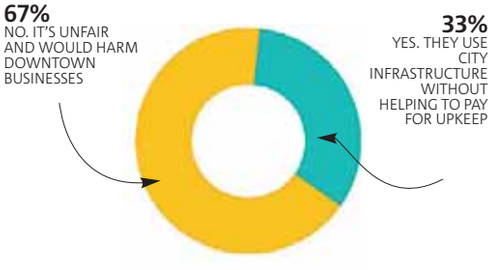
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Local tweets

- **@TamaraLeilaO:** How can it be January 5th?! This #yyc weather is insane! What a perfect day for team Canada to take home the bronze! #GoCanadaGo
- **@jasmin_101:** Today I got the automatic door waved opened for me. I guess this is how chivalry is competing with modern technology! #yyc
- **@Time4Thomson:** A fly just landed on my arm outside...Is it really January in #yyc?? Wasn't this winter supposed to be one of the coldest in years?
- **@AshleyDasent:** Saw many @cityofcalgary workers out cleaning up the streets today after yesterday's wind storm. Thank you for keeping our city clean! #yyc
- **@oMargoto:** Hey, boss! Would it be okay if I took the afternoon off to sit in a pub and be patriotic? Please? #yyc #2012WJC #GoCanadaGo
- **@A_Klingbell:** #yyc is such a small big city when it comes to bumping into people you know.
- **@ashleyconnie:** T shirt...flip flops...sunroof and ray bans. I could get used to this. #yyc #January

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Calligraphy contest honours Japan's tsunami victims

DISASTER. Around the world, people ring bells or shoot fireworks to welcome the new year, but in Japan they celebrate by showing off their brushwork. Thousands of contestants took part in Japan's 48th annual New Year Calligraphy Contest. About 3,000 filled the Nippon Budokan indoor arena for the event.

Calligraphers this year were encouraged to write banners of well wishes for those affected by last year's devastating earthquake and tsunami.

"My banner reads 'Strong will' — for those hit by the disaster. I also wish an early spring will arrive there," said Kuramochi Jun, a 12-year-old student.

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New-year banners

- **"The heart waits for spring"**
  Haru matsu kokoro (春待つ心)
- **"Strong will"**
  Tsuyoi ishi (強い意志)
- **"The sky of the New Year"**
  Shinnen no sora (新年の空)

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Synopsis

Award season is upon us. Soon Hollywood will hand out more gold than Fort Knox on free doubloon day. This week the Reel Guys have a look at the first major awards, the Golden Globes.

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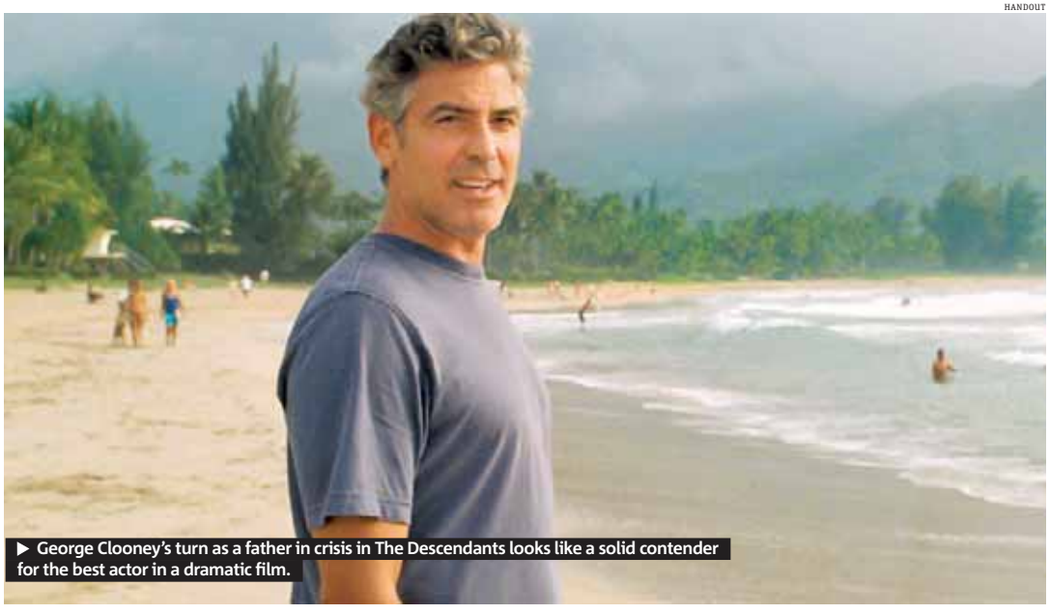

▶ George Clooney's turn as a father in crisis in The Descendants looks like a solid contender for the best actor in a dramatic film.

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN

Going for the gold

Breslin and Crouse make their picks for the Golden Globes ◗ Is it Clooney's year?

Richard: Mark, I enjoyed bits and pieces of a lot of movies in 2011 so choosing winners in the Golden Globe Best Movie categories is giving me a bit of a headache. In the drama category I'll have to go with Moneyball as the film that hit it out of the park. As for comedy or musical it's a toss up between The Artist, which was the best time I had at the movies overall this year, and Bridesmaids, which made me laugh more than any movie this year. You?

Mark: Yes, Richard, Moneyball was a fine film. But I can't believe it will take away any top prizes because it just lacked any real emotional content — and the ending, while true to life, was a bit of a dud. I think it's George Clooney's year, and that The Descendents is the film to beat in the drama category. As for comedy, Bridesmaids is the funniest movie of the year, although The Artist is a more audacious achievement. I notice its director is nominated in that category, and I hope he wins. He made me feel like I was in 1928!

RC: I think you're right about Clooney. He brings with him the kind of star power the Globes crave for their broadcast. The Artist, not so much. With that in mind it seems likely Meryl Streep will take the Globe for best dramatic actress for The Iron Lady. Her mix of star power and chops almost guarantees a win. As for Comedy or Drama, I'd like to see Kristen Wiig take it for Bridesmaids. Of all the nominees it is the only full-on comedic performance.

MB: You're right about La Streep. Frankly, she won it the day the trailer aired. And with Michelle Williams shunted into the comedy category, there's little competition for her. And although it's a real stretch to call Williams' Monroe homage 'comedy', her only competition will be Charlize Theron's dress. Kristin Wiig is a comedic genius — the best thing since Carol Burnett — but I think her bid will be scuttled by the movie's poop jokes. Unfair, perhaps, but pure comedy scares votes away — it just doesn't seem like acting.

RC: One movie I think is a lock is the hands-down favourite for Best Foreign Film, A Separation. I'll be shocked if this doesn't win.

MB: Haven't seen it, but the buzz has been deafening. As long as Cars 2 doesn't win for Best Animated Picture, I'll be a happy man.

2 scene

Scene in brief

Actress-turned-director Sarah Polley is adapting Margaret Atwood's award-winning novel Alias Grace for the big screen. The project once again pairs the Toronto filmmaker with an acclaimed Canadian writer — Polley's celebrated directorial debut Away From Her was based on Alice Munro's short story The Bear Came Over the Mountain.
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Hugh Jackman plans his Broadway return as Harry Houdini in a musical by Aaron Sorkin.

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▶ Paula Patton, left plays Jane, Simon Pegg plays Benji, Tom Cruise plays Ethan Hunt, and Jeremy Renner plays Brandt in Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol

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just can't tell a lie

Katy Perry told she 'wasn't that funny' by husband, according to source

THE WORD

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Katy Perry was reportedly blindsided by Russell Brand's divorce filing, but according to sources close to the singer there was plenty of evidence he was losing interest, according to Us Weekly.

"There were so many times when he wasn't there," a source says, offering the last night of Perry's tour in November as an example: "He was totally uninterested and seemed annoyed he was there. I don't think he sat through one song."

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▶ Katy Perry

And then there was Brand's response to her Saturday Night Live hosting stint in December.

Perry reportedly begged Brand to appear in a skit on the episode, but he declined and stayed in L.A. instead. And after it aired?

"He told her that she wasn't that funny," the source says. "That really hurt."

But, um, he was right? It's hard to sit through a Katy Perry concert and she was Nancy Kerrigan-esque terrible on SNL.

Now, if only she would hit him with his own medicine and tell him to buy a bigger pair of pants.

Celebrity tweets

@Sethrogen

True Story 2: While trying to park at a party a few months ago, I smashed into @JonahHill's car. I still haven't fixed it.

@TheRichardLewis

My shrink told me that my progress was pointless and she'd prefer to still keep me as a patient but analyze someone else in my place.

@MissKelly0

Hallelujah.... i got my cast off & my arm no longer smells like cheese! Now i have a brace i can take on and off for work!

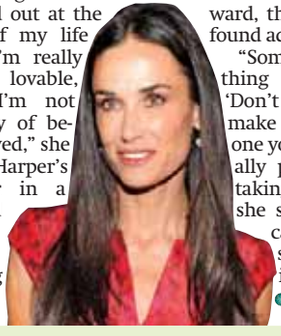
@sarahksilverman

Avoiding the treadmill by learning Miley Cyrus' "The Climb" on guitar.

Demi 'not worthy of being loved'?

Demi Moore admits that her split from Ashton Kutcher has left her shaken and insecure.

"What scares me is that I'm going to ultimately find out at the end of my life that I'm really not lovable, that I'm not worthy of being loved," she tells Harper's Bazaar in a candid interview, adding that she fears finding out "that there's something fundamentally wrong with me and that I wasn't wanted here in the first place."



But Moore is moving forward, thanks to some profound advice.

"Somebody wrote something to me that said, 'Don't let your wounds make you become someone you're not.' That's really powerful. And not taking life too seriously," she says. Forget acting, can Demi write a self-help book? She is the new Oprah!

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20-minute make out session for Bradley Cooper, Saldana

Rumours about Bradley Cooper and his Words co-star Zoe Saldana getting close apparently had some truth to them, as the pair were spotted getting very cosy at a 1940s-themed New Year's Eve party in Bel Air, according to Us Weekly.

"They were making out for 20 minutes," a source says. And while they may be officially keeping each other's company, Saldana is reportedly hesitant to let things get too serious too soon.

"They're dating, but Zoe just left an engagement," says the source.

"She's just looking to have fun."

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'Ye has a lot on his mind

It's been a while since Kanye West has turned heads with his Twitter account, and it appears he's making up for lost time with a recent three-hour binge of microblogging about some big plans.

During the session, West discussed his new design company, Donda, which will "pick up where Steve Jobs left off," aiming "to help simplify and aesthetically improve everything we see hear, touch, taste and feel" and "dream of, create, advertise and produce products driven equally by emotional want and utilitarian need. To marry our wants and needs."

West also discussed plans to serve as creative director for a new Jetsons film, design the next MTV Video Music Awards and fix America's educational system.

"I care about people who have never heard of me," West insists.

"There are over 7 billion people on the planet now."

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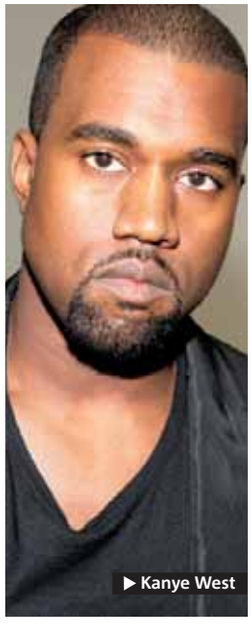

▶ Kanye West

Pasta perfection in a few simple steps

This recipe offers tons of flavour, without putting in tons of effort

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Using salsa as a base for sauces adds tons of flavour without a lot of effort. Look for fresh tortellini or small ravioli and choose your favourite filling of meat or cheese.

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▶ This recipe makes 4 to 6 servings.

Preparation:

1. In nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat and cook onion, garlic and oregano for 5 minutes or until softened. Add salsa and bring to a simmer and cook, stirring, for 3 minutes.
2. Stir in ricotta, 2 tbsp (25 mL) of the parsley and pepper.
3. Meanwhile, in large pot of boiling salted water, cook tortellini for about 8 minutes or until they are tender but firm (al dente).
4. Drain and add to sauce and toss to coat. Serve immediately or alternatively scrape into shallow casserole and sprinkle with cheese. Broil for 2 minutes or until cheese is melted and golden. Sprinkle with remaining parsley.

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Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried oregano
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) chunky medium salsa
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) ricotta cheese
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) chopped fresh parsley
- Pinch pepper
- 1 pkg (350 g) fresh cheese or meat tortellini pasta
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) shredded mozzarella cheese (optional)

Liquid Assets

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Where does the time go? My first column of the New Year has traditionally been dedicated to my boozy predictions for the next 12 months, and here they are.

In the wine world old will be new again. Italy began a comeback late last year and its European neighbours in France and Spain are destined to share in the resurgence of consumer love for classically designed wines.

New World grape crushers from Canada (especially VQA vino from Ontario and B.C. and those earning the Tidal Bay appellation in Nova Scotia) will broaden their fan base and Chilean winemakers will get the recognition they deserve.

Though premium vodka will rule the spirit world, I predict liqueurs will be the hard liquor breakout star with seemingly simple mixtures like the smooth and mouth-massaging combo of whiskey and honey that is Jack Daniel's Tennessee Honey ($28.95 to $29.99).

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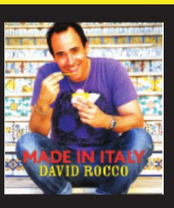
Made in Italy



Lush, gorgeous and completely engaging, Made in Italy (Clarkson Potter, 2011) by David Rocco offers a full-on appreciation of all things Italian with gorgeous location photography putting the reader right into the scene. METRO

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A massacre in Beantown

Horton, Bergeron and Rask lead Bruins to a total rout of the road-weary Flames

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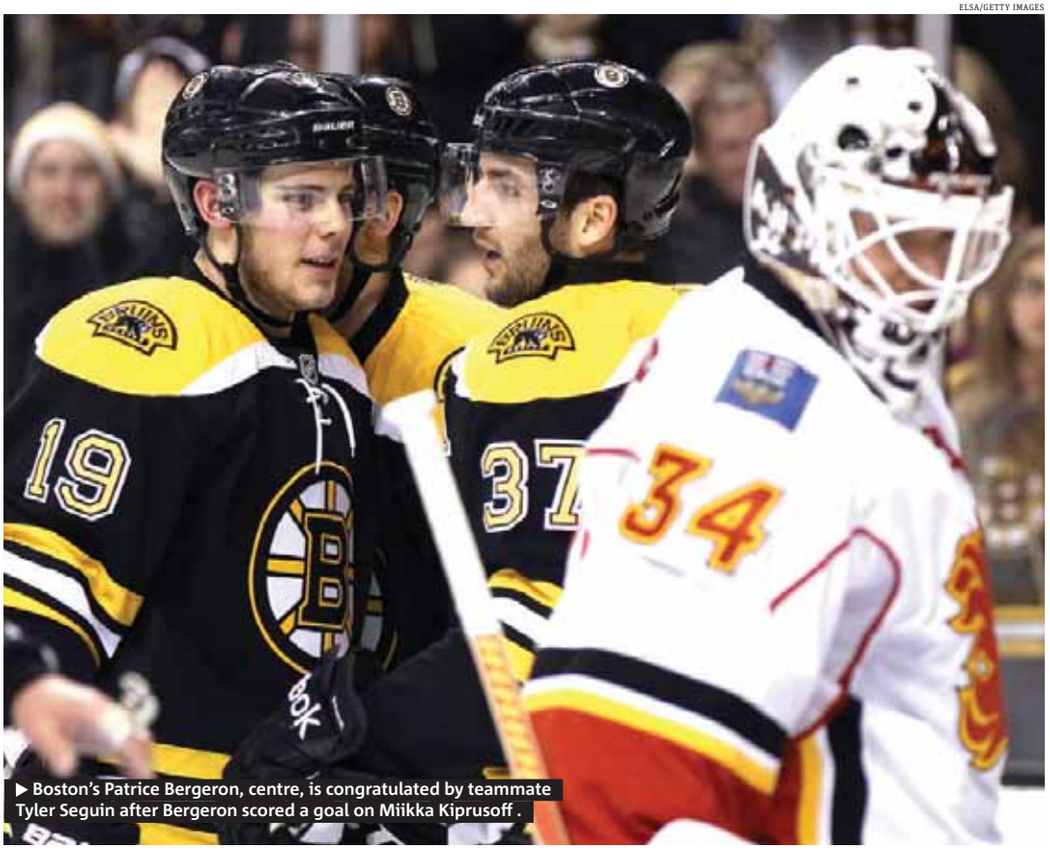

▶ Boston's Patrice Bergeron, centre, is congratulated by teammate Tyler Seguin after Bergeron scored a goal on Miikka Kiprusoff .

Nathan Horton and Patrice Bergeron each had two goals and an assist, Tuukka Rask earned his third shutout in four starts and the rampaging Boston Bruins cruised to a 9-0 blowout of the road-weary Calgary Flames on Thursday night.

The win was the ninth in 10 games for the defending Stanley Cup champions, who have outscored the opposition 49-13 during that span, with Rask and Tim Thomas combining for four shutouts.

The Bruins won their previous home game 8-0 over Florida.

Rask, who stopped 25 shots for the 11th shutout of his career, has allowed one goal in his last four starts.

The Flames ended a seven-game road trip with their fifth straight loss, going 2-4-1 on the journey.

Calgary captain Jarome Iginla failed for the second straight game in his bid to become the NHL's 42nd 500-goal scorer, the 15th to do it with one team. The Flames open a four-game homestand against Minnesota on Saturday.

Iginla was robbed by Rask midway through the second period, probably Rask's toughest save of the game.

Any worries Bruins coach Claude Julien might have had about his team looking past Calgary toward Saturday's meeting with Stanley Cup runner-up Vancouver were unfounded.

Five different Bruins had three points and three more had two.

Bergeron scored twice for the second straight night. David Krejci and Tyler Seguin each had a goal and two assists, and Benoit Pouliot added three assists. Milan Lucic, Chris Kelly and Daniel Paille (short-handed) also scored for the Bruins.

Paille capped the outburst at 8:43 of the third and Bruins fans chanted "We want 10!" for the rest of the game.

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Sports in brief

The Sacramento Kings fired coach Paul Westphal on Thursday, cutting ties after two-plus seasons amid a slow start and an escalating dispute with young centre DeMarcus Cousins.

Kings president of basketball operations Geoff Petrie made the announcement ahead of the team's home game against Milwaukee on Thursday night.

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Jets hoping to avoid a late-season slide

The Winnipeg Jets were sitting in a playoff position on the final day of 2011, having just beat the Toronto Maple Leafs in another excellent showing in the friendly confines of the MTS Centre.

Two road games later, the Jets are once again looking up at the top eight in the Eastern Conference standings.

The Jets lost 4-0 to the Maple Leafs at Air Canada Centre on Thursday in another rough road performance. The loss comes one night after Winnipeg was hammered 7-3 by the Canadiens in Montreal.

"Being on the road, we've got to find ways to start locking down. We've got to be quicker all over the ice."
JETS CAPTAIN ANDREW LADD

Winnipeg is now 5-10-4 on the road, a far cry from its impressive 14-6-1 home record.

"For us to be that much different of a team home and away, you're not going to make the playoffs playing like that on the road," said Jets goaltender Chris Mason. "You really have to make a conscious effort as individuals and a team to get back to things that make you successful. It's hard to win on the road."

The Jets still have two more road games on their current road trip, including one against the Buffalo Sabres on Saturday. The Sabres are currently level on points with the Jets.

"We seem to play better at home, no different than them," said head coach Claude Noel. "We've given up 11 goals in two games and you've got to be somewhat concerned there. You can't put them on the power play. We had one power play (Thursday) and you can't do that and we didn't manage the game great."

The Jets are trying not to repeat the same late-season slide they experienced last season, when they were still the Atlanta Thrashers. Atlanta finished 12th in the Eastern Conference and out of the postseason after starting 2011 in a playoff position.

"We're looking forward to what we're doing right now. We're still in the mix. We've got another big game (Saturday)," said Jets Captain Andrew Ladd. "Obviously, with that happening last year we've got to learn from that but I know we have the group in here to do it."

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Four Sens voted as all-stars

The Ottawa Senators are assured of having at least four familiar faces on the ice when they host the NHL all-star game this month.

Defenceman Erik Karlsson led all vote-getters in fan balloting, and captain Daniel Alfredsson and fellow forwards Milan Michalek and Jason Spezza also were elected for the game on Jan. 29.

The NHL said Thursday they will be joined by Toronto defenceman Dion Phaneuf and Boston Bruins goalie Tim Thomas in this year's game.

The four Senators hold the top four spots on the club's scoring list, with Spezza leading the way with 40 points — three more than Karlsson. However, Karlsson topped everyone in the league with 939,951 votes, 42,536 more than Alfredsson. Michalek got his spot with a late rush, beating out Toronto's Phil Kessel by 42,144 votes. Kessel had been in line to be voted in during the election period.

"It's great, obviously, to see all four of us getting in," Alfredsson said. "You look at Jason, Erik, and Milan, too, they've had great starts to the season. If we would have had to choose one player, it would have been tough because they've all played great to start the season. To be able to all get in when it is in Ottawa, it's going to be a special occasion for all of us and something we'll cherish forever, I'm sure."

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▶ Canadian goalie Mark Visentin stops a penalty shot by Finland's Teemu Pulkkinen.

Goalie gets it done

Visentin shines in Canadian win over Finland for world junior bronze

CANADA	FINLAND
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A depleted Canadian team dug into its reserves to beat Finland 4-0 and capture the bronze medal at the world junior hockey championship Thursday.

Down three players due to injuries and a suspension, Canada extended the country's streak of winning a medal in the tournament to 14 consecutive years.

Goaltender Mark Visentin was the feel-good story of the game. He stopped a second-period penalty shot and made a no-look, around-the-back save early in the third. He finished with 27 saves for the shutout.

"It was pretty wicked to watch the puck go off my shoulder and off the crossbar," said Visentin of the acrobatic save in the final period. "I just saw it out of the corner of my eye go into my glove when I was reaching for it.

"I was kind of worried that I swept so far back that I put it in my own net, but once I saw it on the replay and the crowd started to go nuts, I had a feeling it wasn't in."

Visentin was in Canada's goal in last year's final in Buffalo, N.Y., where Russia scored five third-period goals to win the gold medal.

"Our best player was Mark Visentin who played outstanding and made big saves in each period," said head coach Don Hay. "I'm really happy for Mark and what he's gone through from last year's tournament.

"He really competed hard and it's great to see Mark play so well today and get the shutout."

Visentin had finished Canada's 6-5 semifinal loss to Russia on Tuesday because starter Scott Wedgewood was injured in the second. The Canadians trailed 6-1 early in the third in that game but a spirited comeback fell just short.

The short-staffed Canadians needed a big game from their goalie Thursday to get a medal and the Phoenix Coyotes prospect delivered. Visentin was named player of the game for Canada.

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Sweden takes gold with OT win over Russia

Mika Zibanejad scored at 10:09 of overtime to lead Sweden to a 1-0 win over Russia in the championship final of the world junior hockey championship on Thursday.

Zibanejad stole the puck from Russian forward Nikita Gusev before breaking into the Russian zone and roofing a backhand shot over the blocker of Russian goaltender Andrei Makarov, who finished the game with 57 saves.

The win gave Sweden only its second gold medal at the event and the country's first since 1981. It was the first time the two European nations had met in the world-junior gold-medal game since the tournament adopted a playoff format in 1996.

Johan Gustafsson made 17 saves in Sweden's net for the shutout.

Sweden dominated the first two periods of the game, outshooting the Russians 17-3 in the first period and 22-1 in the second. Despite the lopsided advantage, the Swedes couldn't figure out a way to solve Makarov.

Russian coach Valeri Bragin decided to go with Makarov in net instead of Andrei Vasilevski, who stopped 44-of-49 shots he faced before being pulled in Russia's 6-5 semifinal win over Canada on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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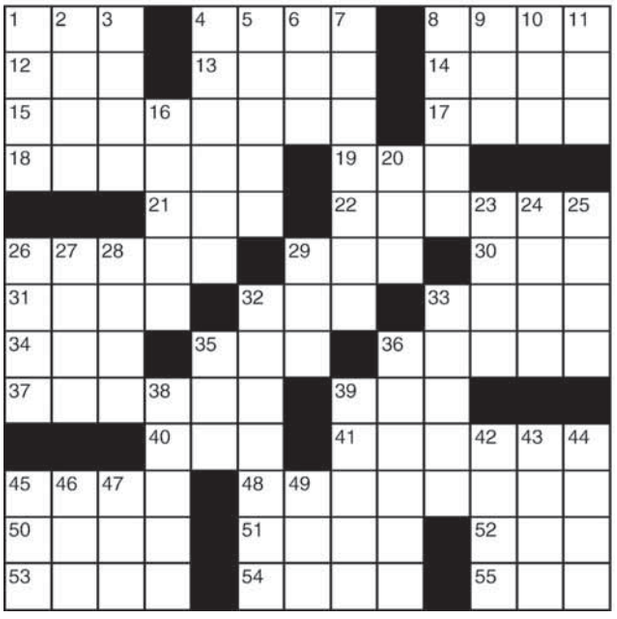

Across

1 Balaam's beast
4 Practice boxing
8 Nitwit
12 Make pigeon noises
13 — Alto
14 Pressing need?
15 Attention-getting, and much more
17 Progeny
18 Boorish types
19 Sanders' franchise
21 Firmament
22 X-rated
26 Busy places
29 Pigs' digs
30 Literary collection
31 Wading bird
32 More, to Manuel
33 Item on stage
34 Lair
35 Car wash option
36 South American plain
37 Strikingly unusual
39 One-name R&B artist
40 Zeta follower
41 Chronicles
45 Con game
48 Foolishly impractical
50 Novelist Ferber
51 Magazine founder Eric
52 Eggs
53 Clothing store section
54 Dines
55 Buddhist sect

Down

1 In need of a massage
2 Protein bean
3 Last year's frosh
4 Ghosts 5 Sucker
6 Foreman foe
7 Pyrotechnician's supply
8 "Saturday Night Fever" genre
9 Raw rock
10 "Ulalume" writer
11 Conclusion
16 What attendance takers count
20 Saute
23 "GWTW" plantation
24 Aware of
25 Mob boss 26 Stash
27 Mountain goat
28 In — veritas
29 Lisa Simpson's instrument
32 Rhesus monkey
33 City north of Dallas 35 Humour
36 Bobcats' kin
38 33-Down's state
39 Upkeep (Abbr.)
42 The gamut
43 Not pretaped 44 Read cursorily
45 Height of fashion? 46 Praise in verse
47 Massachusetts cape
49 Actress Hagen

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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8	1	4	2	6	7	3	5	9
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FROM RAFE

Mark
If you look into my eyes you would know where my heart belongs.A smile so bright and feelings so strong,when ever I am around you I feel so strong,the days are brighter with thoughts of you and everything we are going to do.If you go for my sister,I will be there too.
FROM ME

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Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Yes, you've been in one place too long. Yes, you need a change of scene.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You could easily spend too much or in some other way damage your reputation for prudence today.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You may go over the top and annoy someone you really ought to stay on good terms with. Think before you speak or push 'send'.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 A job worth doing is a job worth getting paid the going rate for, and as you do a better job than most you are entitled to add a little bit extra.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Creative activities will go well over the next 24 hours but they will go even better if you don't try to do everything yourself.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 It is always a mistake to compare yourself to other people and it would be even more of a mistake now.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Ideas will come thick and fast today but you won't achieve much if you try to follow up on each and every one of them.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 There is something you have overlooked and you desperately need to find out what it is and take appropriate action.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may feel there is nothing you cannot do and you may be right, but you do in fact have limits like everyone else.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You may be on the verge of ending a project that does not seem to be going anywhere special but that would be a mistake.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't jump to conclusions and try to change things without consulting family and friends.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If you get the chance to move up in the world you must take it.

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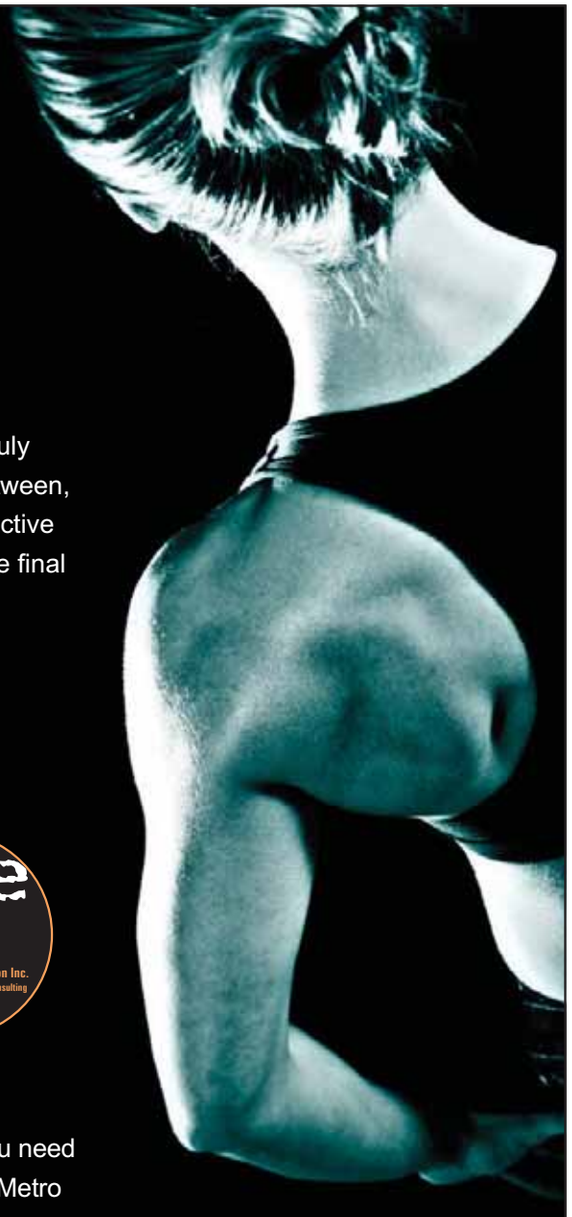

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